

Proposed AWIB Statute Revisions

AS 23.15.550. Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB)

(c) A members of the board under (a) of this section may appoint a designee to serve in place of the member. The member shall appoint the designee in writing **for a period of no less than 90 days.** This must be **submitted and approved by Boards and Commissions.** (Still need to find a board that allows private sector designees.)

Currently a board member can appoint their own designee to serve in their place on the AWIB. These designees are not vetted and approved by the Governor's Office, the Department, or members of the AWIB.

There is no impact on the FY 13 budget.

AS 23.15.555. Appointment and term of members.

No changes.

AS 23.15.560. Compensation.

No changes.

AS 23.15.565. Officers.

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among the members listed or appointed under AS 23.15.550(a)(5) **and (a)(10).** The chair and vice-chair serve in their positions at the pleasure of the board.

Currently only four members of the board from business and industry out of a total of 26 members, are eligible to serve as chair or vice-chair of the AWIB. The AWIB supports including members of the private sector as eligible for election officers. This revision would expand the number of members eligible to serve as officers of the AWIB from four to ten.

The AWIB has approved making this revision to the statute. There does not appear to be any opponents of the proposal. There is no impact on the FY 13 budget.

AS 23.15.570. Meetings, quorum, and committees.

(a)The Alaska Workforce Investment Board shall meet not more than **four** times in a calendar year at the call of the chair to conduct its business. A majority of the members listed in or appointed to the board under AS 23.15.550(a) constitutes a quorum.

The proposed revision would allow for one additional meeting of the AWIB. Currently, meetings are held in February, May, and October. The proposed revision to meet quarterly is consistent with

the meeting frequency of similar boards such as the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education and State Vocational Rehabilitation Committee.

The proposed revision would increase personal services, travel, and meeting expenses in the FY 13 AWIB budget. Meetings may be conducted by telephonically (See 23.15.260).

AS 23.15.570(b)- (g) Edit statute as needed to allow for executive committee and permanent standing committees. Names, number, and duties of standing committees will be deleted. Please see attached.

The proposed revision is to not restrict the number, name, and duties of standing committees to those listed in the statute, and allow more flexibility to address current initiatives and respond to changes in priorities. The committee structure would be addressed by policy (checking on other boards to make sure committee structures aren't in statute).

The proposed revision should not have an impact on the FY 13 budget.

AS 23.15.575. Board as state planning entity.

No changes.

AS 23.15.580. Functions of the board.

Repeal AS 23.15.580(g)(1) – (g)(6) to delete reference to programs not currently under the oversight of the AWIB or included in the Training Program Performance Report.

AS 23.15.585. Administration.

No changes.

WIA Reauthorization

Congress is currently reviewing the Workforce Investment Act, and there could be potential impacts to the AWIB statute that may require revisions to AS 23.15.550 – 23.15.850.

No impact is known at this time on the SFY 13 Budget at this time.